

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1 - 14, drawn to wrap material with a printed pattern.

Group II, claim(s) 15 - 21, drawn to a method of camouflaging and object with a wrap.

Group III, claim(s) 22 - 25, drawn to a method of making a wrap with a printed pattern.

Group IV, claim(s) 26 - 38, drawn to a wrap with an active agent applied thereto.

Group V, claim(s) 49 - 47, drawn to method of removably wrapping an object.

Group VI, claim(s) 48 - 55, drawn to method of making a wrap with an active agent applied thereto.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I - VI do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: particularly the feature which relates the groups together, i.e., a self-adherent wrap is known in the art and does not provide a contribution over the prior art. Huber et al. (5,066,529) discloses a wrapping tape with a camouflage applied onto the surface which can be wrapped around objects to camouflage them. The tape is made from a self-adherent web described by US 3,575,782. Thus, the claim features of claim 1 are anticipated by Huber et al. Further, the special technical feature which is common to all independent claims is only the self-adherent wrap, which is taught by US 3,575,782. Thus, the special technical feature does not provide a contribution over the prior art.

3. A telephone call was made to M. Angela Parsons on April 5, 2007 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jenna-Leigh Johnson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1472. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8:00 - 5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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